

# **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, January 21, 2010**

**10:00 AM**

**Board Room**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Frank Avila, Commissioner Patricia Horton, Chairman of Finance  
Gloria Alitto Majewski, Commissioner Barbara J. McGowan, Vice-President Kathleen  
Therese Meany, Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore,  
Commissioner Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, President Terrence J. O'Brien*

#### **THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:**

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.**
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.**

## Call Meeting to Order

President Terrence J. O'Brien presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Frank Avila; Patricia Horton; Gloria Alitto Majewski; Barbara J. McGowan; Kathleen Therese Meany; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Terrence J. O'Brien

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewsk, that the corrected minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Recess and Reconvene as Committee on the Whole

A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Patricia Horton, to recess and reconvene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 12:00 p.m. President O'Brien reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 1      [10-0005](#)      Report on investments purchased during December 2009  
  
                 Attachments:      [Inv Purch 2009-12 att.pdf](#)  
  
                 Published and Filed
- 2      [10-0043](#)      Report on the investment interest income during December 2009  
  
                 Attachments:      [Inv Int Inc 2009-12 att.pdf](#)  
  
                 Published and Filed
- 3      [10-0044](#)      Report on investment inventory statistics at December 31, 2009  
  
                 Attachments:      [Inv Stat 2009 Q4 Att.pdf](#)  
  
                 Published and Filed

**Authorization**

- 4      [10-0033](#)      Authority to Transfer up to \$244,300,000.00 from the Corporate Working Cash Fund to Finance Corporate Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2010, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9e  
**Approved**
- 5      [10-0034](#)      Authority to Transfer up to \$9,500,000.00 from the Construction Working Cash Fund to Finance Construction Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2010, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9e  
**Approved**
- 6      [10-0035](#)      Authority to Transfer up to \$22,800,000.00 from the Stormwater Management Working Cash Fund to Finance Stormwater Management Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2010, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9e  
**Approved**
- 7      [10-0055](#)      Request Authority to Dispose of District Records  
  
**Attachments:**      [1-21-10 Records Disposal Certificates Attachment.pdf](#)  
  
**Approved**

**Procurement Committee****Report**

- 8      [10-0037](#)      Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 5, 2010  
  
**Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

- 9      [10-0010](#)      Authorization for payment to The Water and Wastewater Leadership Center for tuition fees for one (1) Senior Manager to attend a 12-day Residential Leadership Development program in an amount not to exceed \$11,225.00, Account 101-25000-601100  
  
**Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 10      [10-0014](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 10-615-11 Steam Trap Inspection in the North, Calumet and Stickney Service Areas, estimated cost \$70,200.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612240/612680, Requisitions 1292450, 1294238, 1294250 and 1294263

**Approved**

- 11      [10-0016](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 10-949-11 Maintenance and Repair of Alimak Manlifts at Various Locations, estimated cost \$328,000.00, Accounts 101-68000-612680, 101-69000-612600, Requisitions 1284439 and 1283826

**Approved**

- 12      [10-0020](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 10-673-11 Repair of Heavy Equipment at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant and Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area, estimated cost \$520,000.00, Account 101-66000-612760, Requisition 1288599

**Approved**

- 13      [10-0021](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 10-970-11 Janitorial Services at Various Locations in the Stickney Service Area, estimated cost \$675,000.00, Account 101-69000-612490, Requisition 1292517

**Approved**

#### **Issue Purchase Order**

- 14      [10-0011](#)      Issue purchase order and exercise the option to renew the existing agreement for a one-year period with Sigma Business Solutions Inc., for renewal of the maintenance and service for PBS Archive Software, in an amount not to exceed \$23,962.96, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1273214

**Approved**

- 15      [10-0030](#)      Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with DGN Technologies, Inc. for furnishing, delivering and installing TransportConnect Tool, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, Accounts 101-27000-601170, 634840, Requisition 1295042

**Approved**

- 16      [10-0040](#)      Issue purchase order to Fairfield Service Company of Indiana, LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Parts for the Fine Screens at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, Account 101-68000-623270, Requisition 1293641

**Approved**

- 17      [10-0041](#)      Issue purchase orders and enter into an agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc., for Maintenance Services and Repair Parts for Three Kinetics Field Application Panels at the Racine Avenue Pumping Station and Robicon Variable Frequency Drives at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant., in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, Accounts 101-68000, 69000-612600, Requisitions 1287661, 1289881

**Approved**

- 18      [10-0046](#)      Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with MWH Americas, Inc., for professional engineering post award services for Contract 04-201-4F, Tollway Dam, Grout Curtain and Quarry Plugs, Thornton Composite Reservoir, Calumet Service Area, in an amount not to exceed \$4,711,155.00, Account 401-50000-601440, Requisition 1293016

**Approved**

#### **Award Contract**

- 19      [10-0027](#)      Authority to award Contract 06-359-3S, Upper Des Plaines Intercepting Sewer 14A Rehabilitation, North Service Area, to Spiniello Companies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$13,664,000.00, Account 401-50000-645700, Requisition 1280513

**Attachments:**      [08-AA REC.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### **Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 20      [10-0012](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 08-812-11 Services to Maintain and Repair Absorption Chillers at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Anchor Mechanical, Inc., in an amount of \$44,586.86, from an amount of \$226,722.00, to an amount not to exceed \$182,135.14, Account 101-68000-612680, Purchase Order 5000860

**Attachments:**      [08-812-11.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 21      [10-0013](#)      Authority to decrease purchase order and amend agreement with AMCO Industries, d/b/a Compressor Engineering, Inc., to furnish and deliver technical services, parts and repairs for four Dresser-Roots Rotary Lobe Blowers at the North Side Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount of \$14,385.00, from an amount of \$16,750.00, to an amount not to exceed \$2,365.00, Account 101-67000-612650, Purchase Order 3042805

**Attachments:**      [AMCO INDUSTRIES CO HISTORY.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 22      [10-0015](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 07-RFP-02 Furnish Professional Services of an Industrially-Trained Nurse for the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant and Various Locations, in an amount of \$23,848.72, from an amount of \$310,218.28, to an amount not to exceed \$286,369.56, Account 101-15000-601170, Purchase Order 3043767  
**Approved**
- 23      [10-0017](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 07-668-11 Installation and Maintenance of Native Prairie Landscape at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, to McGinty Bros., Inc., in an amount of \$15,100.00, from an amount of \$83,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$67,900.00, Account 101-67000-612420, Purchase Order 5000691  
**Approved**
- 24      [10-0022](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 07-663-11, Landscape Maintenance at Various Locations in the North Side Water Reclamation Plant Area, Group B, to Alaniz Landscaping Group Co., in an amount of \$20,134.00, from an amount of \$76,494,.10 to an amount not to exceed \$56,360.10, Account 101-67000-612420, Purchase Order 5000709  
**Attachments:**      [07-663-11.pdf](#)  
**Approved**
- 25      [10-0023](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 07-663-11, Landscape Maintenance at Various Locations in the North Side Water Reclamation Plant Area, Group A, to A Natural Choice Shamrock Landscaping & Installation, in an amount of \$10,109.18, from an amount of \$109,518.67, to an amount not to exceed \$99,409.49, Account 101-67000-612420, Purchase Order 5000716  
**Attachments:**      [07-663-11.pdf](#)  
**Approved**
- 26      [10-0026](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 04-125-3S (Re-Bid), Upper Des Plaines Pumping Station Rehabilitation and TARP Connection, Stickney Service Area, to F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen and Associates LLC, in an amount of \$44,919.76, from an amount of \$8,787,962.24, to an amount not to exceed \$8,743,042.48, Accounts 401-50000-645600 and 645700, Purchase Order 5000812  
**Attachments:**      [C. O. 04-125-3S](#)  
**Approved**

- 27      [10-0028](#)      Authority to increase Contract 07-220-3P Primary Settling Tanks and Grit Removal Facilities, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant to F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen/IHC Construction Joint Venture, in an amount of \$155,950.49, from an amount of \$228,825,890.96, to an amount not to exceed \$228,981,841.45, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5000954

**Attachments:**      [C.O. 07-220-3P](#)

**Approved**

- 28      [10-0029](#)      Authority to increase Contract 98-260-2M (Re-Bid) Coarse Screens at 95th Street Pumping Station, Piping and Electrical Work at 95th and 125th Street Pumping Stations, Chicago, Illinois to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC, in an amount of \$174,894.02, from an amount \$10,317,268.81, to an amount not to exceed \$10,492,162.83, Accounts 401-50000-645600 and 645700, Purchase Order 5000900

**Attachments:**      [C.O. 98-260-2M](#)

**Approved**

- 29      [10-0036](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 09-753-11 Contract Farming Services at the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, to Oros & Busch Application Technologies, Inc., in an amount of \$144,600.00, from an amount of \$329,200.00, to an amount not to exceed \$184,600.00, Account 101-67000-612520, Purchase Order 5001000

**Attachments:**      [09-753-11.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 30      [10-0038](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 08-639-11, Furnishing and Delivering Process Water Chemicals and Consulting Services to the Stickney and Calumet Service Areas, to HOH Chemicals, Inc., in an amount of \$21,727.80, from an amount of \$258,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$236,272.20, Accounts 101-68000/69000-623560, Purchase Orders 5000823, 5000824

**Approved**

- 31      [10-0039](#)      Authority to increase Contract 09-616-11, Switchgear Maintenance and Repair at Various Service Areas, to American Industrial Motor Service, in an amount of \$16,439.00, from an amount of \$491,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$507,439.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Purchase Order 5001078

**Approved**

- 32      [10-0042](#)      Authority to decrease purchase order to the Extra Newspaper, to Publish Invitations to Bid for Contracts and Publish Legal Notices for Original Entrance and Promotional Civil Service Examinations in a Newspaper Intended to Target the Hispanic Market, in an amount of \$1,930.00, from an amount of \$13,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$11,070.00, Account 101-20000-612360, Purchase Order 3054898

Attachments:      [Purchase Order 3054898 Charge Order Log.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 33      [10-0047](#)      Authority to Increase Contract 04-299-2P Improvements to Aeration Batteries A, B, C, E1, and E2 at Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen & Associates, L.L.C., in an amount of \$21,394.45, from an amount of \$20,525,468.96, to an amount not to exceed \$20,546,863.41, Accounts 101-50000-612650, 401-50000-645650, and 645750, Purchase Order 5000831

Attachments:      [C.O. 04-299-2P](#)

**Approved**

- 34      [10-0048](#)      Authority to increase purchase order with Lexington Lion Chicago GP LLC, for maintenance, operation, and capital repairs of the common areas located at 111 East Erie Street, in an amount of \$9,926.20, from an amount of \$256,400.00, to an amount not to exceed \$266,326.20, Account 101-15000-612390, Purchase Order 3055902

Attachments:      [Increase PO BL 1-21-10.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## **Engineering Committee**

### **Report**

- 35      [10-0024](#)      Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the months of November and December 2009

Attachments:      [C.O. Nov/Dec](#)

**Published and Filed**

### **Authorization**



- 36      [10-0050](#)      Authority to advance funds in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.00 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the non-federal sponsor's share of the costs associated with the McCook Reservoir Stage 2 Grout Curtain, Project 73-161-2H, Account 401-50000-645630
- Approved

## Industrial Waste & Water Pollution Committee

### Authorization

- 37      [10-0008](#)      Authority for the Board of Commissioners to review request by Tampico Beverages for the Facility Located at 2425 West Barry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for Review by the Board of Commissioners of the 2007 and 2008 User Charge Liability Determinations Made by the Director of Monitoring and Research-Appeal No. 10B-001
- Approved

## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Reports

- 38      [10-0009](#)      Report on ComEd's Energy Cooperative Programs at MWRDGC Facilities
- Attachments:      [Table summary for Rider CLR, 1-7-10 Brd. Mtg..rtf](#)
- Published and Filed

## Monitoring & Research Committee

### Authorization

- 39      [10-0045](#)      Authority to Subscribe to the Water Environment Research Foundation for 2010, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$117,300.00, Account 101-15000-612280 (Corporate Fund)
- Approved

## Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

### Report

- 40      [10-0031](#)      2009 Annual Report of the Civil Service Board

**Attachments:**      [Civil Service Board 2009 Annual Report.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

#### **Authorization**

- 41      [10-0004](#)      Change Personnel Rule 5.10 Overtime Administration (*Deferred from January 7, 2010 Board Meeting*)

**A motion was made by Kathleen Therese Meany, seconded by Cynthia M. Santos, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion failed. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Nay:** 9 - Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Barbara J. McGowan, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Terrence J. O'Brien

#### **Real Estate Development Committee**

##### **Authorization**

- 42      [10-0006](#)      Authority to issue a check payable to Hanson Material Service Corporation in the amount of \$259,197.77 as reimbursement of the District's pro rata share of the 2nd installment of the year 2007 real estate taxes paid by it for the Lower West Lobe of the Thornton Quarry, Thornton Composite Reservoir, Project 77-235-2F (401-50000-645620)

**Approved**

- 43      [10-0018](#)      Authorization to declare as surplus and not required for corporate purposes and to sell to the City of Lockport 60± acres of District real estate located in unincorporated Will County, east of the Main Channel, and known as Main Channel Atlas Index Parcels 16.01, 16.02, 16.05, and the southernmost portion of 16.03, consideration is \$3,038,702.00

**Attachments:**      [01-21-10 Lockport Map.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 44      [10-0049](#)      Authority to issue a 6-month permit to the Illinois Department of Transportation to allow its contractor and subcontractor CH2MHILL and DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc., respectively, access to the District's O'Hare CUP Reservoir and O'Hare Reservoir sites to perform ground survey and field reconnaissance work for the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass Project, consideration shall be a document preparation fee of \$2,000.00

**Attachments:**      [01-21-10 IDOT Map.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Authorization

- 45     [10-0053](#)     Request for approval to pursue the design of streambank stabilization projects identified under the completed Detailed Watershed Plans and to be funded under the District's Stormwater Management Fund *(As Revised)*

**Attachments:**     [10-0053 DWPs](#)

**Approved**

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Additional Agenda Items

- 46     [10-0057](#)     MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Wesley W. South  
**Adopted**

- 47     [10-0058](#)     Authorization for payment to Rausch Construction Company in the amount of \$625,741.35, plus interest in the amount of \$3,702.96, for the judgment in the matter of Rausch Construction Company v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, No. 07 CH 4269, Purchase Order 5000162 *(As Revised)*  
**Approved**

- 48     [10-0059](#)     Authority to increase purchase order for Contract 97-362-1S O'Hare TARP Drop Shaft 5 Rehabilitation, to Rausch Construction Company, Inc. in an amount of \$103,410.88, from an amount of \$1,713.043.00 to an amount not to exceed \$1,816,453.88, Account 201-50000-645700 and 612490, Purchase Order 5000162

**Attachments:**     [Change Order Log Report\\_0001.pdf](#)  
                              [Principal Amount\\_0001.pdf](#)

**Approved**

### Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 41

**A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:**    9 -    Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Barbara J. McGowan, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Terrence J. O'Brien

## Meeting Summary

### Speakers

*George Blakemore, concerned citizen, requested an itemized bill for the wastewater leadership development program. (Re: Procurement Item #9)*

*George Blakemore, concerned citizen, requested the District to consider hiring an in-house janitorial staff. (Procurement Item #13)*

*Dev Trivedi, Mayor of Lockport, urged support for the sale of District property. (Re: Real Estate Item #43)*

*George Blakemore, concerned citizen, expressed concern about government employees being employed by multiple governmental agencies.*

### Summary of Requests

*Richard Lanyon*

*Debra Shore asked if the destroyed materials are being recycled. (Re: Procurement Item #7)*

*Richard Lanyon*

*Debra Shore requested a report of services that were provided for the past three years. (Re: Procurement Item #22)*

### Study Session

*None*

### Announcements

*Terrence J. O'Brien congratulated the Law Department on their success in regards to the asian carp dispute.*

### Board Letter Submission Dates

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2010 please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.**

**Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: January 25, 2010**

**Date Board letters are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., January 28, 2010**

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Barbara McGowan, that when the Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. and that today's meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

/s/ Jacqueline Torres  
Clerk

**Aye:** 9 - Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Barbara J. McGowan, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Terrence J. O'Brien

## **APPROVAL:**

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this January 21, 2010, are hereby approved.

## **APPROVED:**

/s/ Terrence J. O'Brien

President Board of Commissioners of the  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

January 21, 2010